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The continued increase in the number of women who are compelled to support themselves by working at trades, renders it highly important that they should be encouraged to combine to protect themselves against an undue depression of wages and other forms of injustice, and to provide for times of sickness and want of employment.

In some establishments women's work is fairly remunerated: in others very much underpaid. Without authentic information, extensively circulated among all classes of workers, and organizations that will command their confidence, these inequalities cannot be known or rectified.

There are also, in women's employments especially, large numbers of middlemen, who, besides lowering wages, often harass the workers by capricious rejection of work, forfeiture of deposits, and arbitrary fines. Against such evils the united efforts of workwomen can alone afford permanent protection.

The Women's Protective and Provident League was formed in July 1874, for the purpose of encouraging and assisting women earning their livelihood to combine for the protection of their industrial interests, for the provision of benefit funds to be drawn upon in illness or in times of slack trade, and for the interchange of trade information.

The League has already assisted in organizing Unions of Women engaged in Bookbinding (in London and Dublin), Dressmaking, Upholstery, Shirt and Collar Making, Sewing Machine work (London and Aberdeen), Tailoring (London, Dublin, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester and Oxford), Stay Work (Portsmouth), and Hosiery (Leicester).

After the formation of a Society the League affords further assistance in the preparation of Rules and in other business arrangements, but does not give pecuniary aid, as its aim is to develop self-reliance among women. Each Union is supported by the weekly subscriptions of its own members.

The funds of the League alone are derived from outside support, and are applied almost exclusively to expenses of Office Rent, Printing and Organizing.

A very important service undertaken by the Unions is to supply their members with trustworthy information as to demands for workers in various trades: employers of labour frequently write to the Office for workwomen, and it is thus becoming a most useful centre.

The League offers, to any workwomen in whose trades Unions are not yet formed, advice, and if necessary, the assistance of a solicitor in cases of unjust treatment with regard to employment.

The League also seeks to promote arbitration in cases of dispute between employers and workwomen.

In addition to the work of the various Unions, much of which is carried on at the League Office—the Unions paying a moderate rent for the accommodation—there have been initiated by the League and are now in active operation:—

EMPLOYMENT REGISTRATION for Women in whose trades Unions are not yet formed. Several newspapers, containing trade advertisements are taken, and can be seen at the office every morning for a small payment.

MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENING MEETINGS of members and friends of the Unions. Short Addresses, Music and Singing form part of the entertainment. These meetings by spreading a knowledge of the existence and advantages of the Societies, are often the means of bringing new members.

A CIRCULATING LIBRARY. Books are lent out to members of the Women's Unions at a small charge.

THE WOMEN'S UNION SWIMMING CLUB, for evening lessons and practice in Swimming.

A CO-OPERATIVE STORE, managed and supported by members of the League and the Societies, will be started afresh after having been some time discontinued.

THE WOMEN'S UNION JOURNAL, published monthly, gives information upon the progress of the work. Price 1d. per month, or 1s. 6d. per year, including postage.

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